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SUBJECT: DANZIG GOLD

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL SINCE EMBASSY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED THAT POLISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS HAD BEEN TOLD THAT RIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION WOULD BE UNABLE TO MEET POLES ON JULY 10 TO EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS. ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS ARE INDEED AVAILABLE AND WILL BE ABLE TO MEET AT ANY TIME POLISH OFFICIALS ARE READY IN BRUSSELS.

2. INFORMATION WHICH POLISH EMBASSY OBTAINED IN BRUSSELS WAS GIVEN TO THEM BY SYG COL. WATSON, WHO DID NOT INFORM THE THREE GOLD COMMISSIONERS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH POLISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS. AS WE NOW PIECE TOGETHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM WINCHESTER, BRITISH GOLD COMMISSIONER AT BRITISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, WATSON CALLED WINCHESTER TO TELL HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET STARTED ON PREPARATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR MEETING WITH THE POLES UNTIL 2:30 P.M. JULY 9 AND THAT PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS COULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 12. AS A RESULT OF THIS EXCHANGE BETWEEN COLONEL WATSON AND POLISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, THE POLES MUST HAVE ASSUMED THAT TRIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVING DIFFICULTY ARRANGING MEETING "FOR TECHNICAL REASONS".

3. EMBASSY HAS NOW SPOKEN WITH WINCHESTER, CONVEYING INFORMATION IN REFTEL. WINCHESTER HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH COLONEL WATSON AND WE ARE MEETING WITH WATSON AT 2:30 P.M. BRUSSELS TIME, JULY 9. FRENCH GOLD COMMISSIONER TSCHAIKOWSKY IS LEAVING ON VACATION SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 10, AND WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT HIS DEPUTY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS WITH AUTHORIZED POLES IN BRUSSELS ON MONDAY, JULY 12.

4. COLONEL WATSON HAS NO CLERICAL ASSISTANCE AND DEPENDS ON PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. WE WILL PUT ALL THE HAND-WRITTEN MATERIAL SUBMITTED TO US BY COLONEL WATSON THIS AFTERNOON AND TOMORROW IN TYPED FORM SO THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH AUTHORIZED POLES IN BRUSSELS ON MONDAY, JULY 12, FOR SIGNING AND EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS.

5. FOREGOING DIFFICULTIES, REFLECTING COLONEL WATSON'S POOR HEALTH AND HIS UNAVAILABILITY ON A CRASH BASIS, AS WELL AS LOACK OF CLERICAL SUPPORT FOR SYG, ILLUSTRATE NEED FOR BACK-UP TO COLONEL WATSON PROPOSED BY ALL THREE GOLD COMMISSIONERS AND APPROVED BY BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS, WITH ONLY U.S. AS HOLDOUT IN APPROVING THIS RECOMMENDATION. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, ALL THREE GOLD COMMISSIONERS ARE MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO COMPLETE RESTITUTION OF DANZIG GOLD AND BOND SETTLEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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